



PHYSICIAN ON SCENE

PURPOSE

To establish criteria for an A-EMT during situations in which a physician is physically present at the scene of a 9-1-1 response.

AUTHORITY

Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 2, Section 100147 and Article 8, Section 100175 of the California Code of Regulations.

POLICY

Medical responsibility for patient care is the responsibility of the Base Station physician. Within the ICEMA Region, an A-EMT may only follow medical orders given by the Base Station physician or MICN.

PROCEDURE

In the event that an A-EMT arrives at the scene of a medical or a trauma emergency and a physician on scene wishes to direct the care of the patient and assume medical responsibility for the patient, the following conditions apply:

1. The physician must be informed that Base Station contact must be made, and the final decision regarding the assumption of medical responsibility for patient care will be made by the Base Station physician.
2. The physician must show proper identification and a current California physician's license.
3. The physician must agree to sign the patient care record agreeing to take full responsibility for the care and treatment of the patient(s) involved in the incident and accompanies the patient(s) in the ambulance to the medical facility most appropriate to receive the patient(s). This statement is available on the ICEMA ePCR and on the back of the first (white) copy of the ICEMA Standard Run Report Form (01A). Prehospital EMS agencies using software not totally integrated with ICEMA software must provide a form stating the above and obtaining physician signature.
4. Care of the patient must be transferred to a physician at the receiving facility.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The A-EMT has the following responsibilities in the event that the physician on scene assumes responsibility for patient care:

1. Notify Base Station that a physician is taking charge of the patient(s).
2. Maintain control of drugs and equipment from the Limited ALS unit. Inform the physician of drugs and equipment available.
3. Offer assistance to the physician on scene. The A-EMT may only perform procedures that are within the ICEMA scope of practice.
4. Document on patient care record all necessary information and obtain physician signature.